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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SELECTMEN

and other

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

**TOWN OF ACWORTH
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

For the year ending December 31, 2013

*Please bring this Town Report to Town Meeting on
Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

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Regular Meetings and Events

Selectmen	Second and fourth Mondays, 7:00PM
Town Clerk	Tues. 5:30PM-8:00PM Sat. 8:00AM-11:00AM
Tax Collector	Mon. 8:30AM-12:30PM
Planning Board	Last Wed. of the month, 7:00PM
Conservation Commission	Second Wed. of the month, 7:00PM
Zoning Board of Adjustment	First Wed. of the month: New business, 7:00PM
Cemetery Trustees	Regular or Special meeting dates posted Contact Kristian Fenderson, Sexton
Library Trustees	Second Thurs. of the month, 2:30PM
Trustees of Trust Funds	Regular or Special meeting dates posted Contact Alston Barrett, Meeting Chair
Selectmen's office	Mon.-Fri., 8:30AM-12:30PM, 835-6879
Highway Garage	Answering machine 835-6866
Transfer Station	Wed. 11:00AM-6PM, Sat. 9:00AM-6 PM, 835-6602
Library	Tues. & Thurs. 11:30AM-5:30PM, Sat. & Sun. 11:30AM-4:30PM, 835- 2150
Emergency	911 Fire 352-1100 State Police Troop C 358-3333

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Town Officers and Committees

Board of Selectmen	Steven Holt - 2014 Rob DeValk - 2015 Craig Oshkello - 2016
Town Clerk	Charlotte Comeau - 2016
Tax Collector	Marianne Nevelson - 2014
Treasurer	Melinda Loiselle - 2014
Administrative Assistant	Kathi Bradt
Local Auditor	Brenda Melius- 2014
Moderator	John Luther - 2014
Election Inspectors	Ella Brown (D) Gordon Gowen (R)
Supervisors of the Checklist	Elizabeth Gowen - 2015 Rose Knight - 2016 Marianne Nevelson - 2017
Overseer of Public Welfare Health Officer	Board of Selectmen Toni Bowman
Trustees of Trust Funds	Tim Perry - 2014 Paul Auger - 2015 Alston Barrett - 2016
Library Trustees	Guy Russell - 2014 Tanya Holt - 2014 Joanne Smith - 2015 Jennifer Aiken - 2015 Melinda Loiselle - 2016
Cemetery Trustees	Ken Reed - 2014 Claudia Istel - 2015 Helen Frink - 2016
Budget Committee	Susan Metsack - 2014 John Tuthill - 2014 Melinda Loiselle - 2015 Jim Jennison - 2015 Linda Christie - 2016 Bruce Bascom - 2016 Rob DeValk, Selectman

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Planning Board

Henry Sipple - 2014
Wes Cubberly - 2014
Doug Robinson - 2015
Rob Vogel - 2015
Cheryl Sanctuary - 2016
Jim Niedert - 2016
Steven Holt, Selectman

Alternates

Vacant

Conservation Commission

Shawn Bowman - 2015
Lillie Leblanc - 2015
Helen Frink - 2015
Debby Hinman - 2016
Craig Oshkello, Selectman

Alternates

Carole Wallace - 2016

Zoning Board of
Adjustment

Frank Emig - 2015
Shawn Bowman - 2015
Lisa Earl - 2015
John Balla - 2016

Alternates

Bill Willette - 2015
Brian St. Pierre - 2016

Energy Committee

Not currently active

Recreation Committee
FMRSD Board
Town Forester
Tree Warden

Board of Selectmen
Linda Christie
Peter Rhoades
G. Kristian Fenderson

**WARRANT FOR TOWN OF ACWORTH
MARCH 11, 2014**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth, NH in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at 10:00 of the clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened for voting on Articles 1 and 2 by use of the official ballot, and shall close not earlier than 9:00 of the clock in the evening; AND you are hereby notified that discussion and voting on Articles 3 through 12 shall commence at 7:30 of the clock in the evening on the same day, March 11 next at the Town Hall.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

Selectmen: 1 for 3 Year Term
Moderator: 1 for 2 Year Term
Tax Collector: 1 for 1 Year Term
Treasurer: 1 for 1 Year Term
Local Auditor: 1 for 1 Year Term
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 Year Term
Library Trustee: 2 for 3 Year Terms
Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 Year Term
Budget Committee: 2 for 3 Year Terms
Planning Board: 2 for 3 Year Terms

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendment to the Acworth Zoning Ordinance (concerning updating the definition of frontage to correspond with the definition of frontage found in the Subdivision Regulations) as proposed by the Planning Board. Copies of the complete amendment are available at the Town office and will be available the day of voting. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot: "Are you in favor of the amendment to the existing Town of Acworth Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The amendment replaces the existing definition of frontage with a definition which corresponds with the definition in the Acworth Subdivision Regulations." The amendment intends to provide consistent language in the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations clarifying frontage as being on a Class V or better road.

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,082,735.56 for general municipal operations. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. This article does not include Special or Individual articles addressed.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate eleven thousand four hundred dollars (\$11,400) for the 2014 lease payment on the Caterpillar Vibratory Roller. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created in 2010 for the next state required values update in 2016. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 2000. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) for the construction of a hearse house within the Town Cemetery to house the Town hearse as included in the Planning Board's Capital Improvement Plan on request of the Cemetery Trustees. The Selectmen recommend, the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the operating budget under Account 4909 Improvements other than buildings to increase the road projects appropriation. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of bridge repair or replacement, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in this fund, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Acworth this 10th day of February, 2014. A True Copy of Warrant Attest: Board of Selectmen:

Rob DeValk

Steven Holt

Craig Oshkello

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ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEES APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEES APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEES APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive		26,250.00	26,961.31	26,250.00		26,250.00	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		2,800.00	1,523.29	2,800.00		2,800.00	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		70,988.88	68,270.26	69,477.56		69,477.56	
4152	Revaluation of Property		12,500.00	11,564.73	15,500.00		15,500.00	
4153	Legal Expense		10,000.00	8,527.62	20,000.00		20,000.00	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		18,521.00	19,592.78	18,525.00		18,626.00	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		3,400.00	2,087.30	2,800.00		2,800.00	
4194	General Government Buildings		8,800.00	8,990.48	16,100.00		16,100.00	
4195	Cemeteries		18,115.00	15,834.00	15,800.00		15,800.00	
4196	Insurance		14,820.00	13,463.50	19,003.00		19,003.00	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.						1,152.00	
4199	Other General Government		1,133.00	1,132.46				
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police		5,600.00	3,490.00	5,500.00		5,500.00	
4215-4219	Ambulance		9,600.00	9,600.00	9,600.00		9,600.00	
4220-4229	Fire		36,000.00	36,000.00	38,000.00	2,788.50	38,000.00	3,577.00
4240-4249	Building Inspection							
4290-4298	Emergency Management		7,500.00	3,246.49	46,200.00		46,200.00	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration							
4312	Highways & Streets		321,214.00	320,995.31	322,764.00		322,764.00	
4313	Bridges		5,000.00	2,500.00	5,000.00		5,000.00	

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HIGHWAYS & UTILITIES (cont.)								
4316	Street Lighting		2,000.00	2,283.89	2,400.00		2,400.00	
4319	Other		100,700.00	119,153.28	105,800		105,800.00	
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		64,750.00	61,088.62	57,050.00		57,050.00	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		3,600.00	3,041.39	5,500.00		5,500.00	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH & WELFARE								
4411	Administration							
4414	Pest Control		900	1,280.72	900		900	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		7,780.00	5,280.00	7,500.00		7,500.00	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.							
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		5,000.00	0	5,000.00		5,000.00	

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CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		975	758.5	1,700.00		1,700.00	
4550-4559	Library		37,960.00	37,960.00	37,985.00		37,985.00	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		200	200	200		200	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		200	210	200		200	
CONSERVATION								
4611-4612	Admin. & Puch. of Nat. Resources		700	941.47	700		700	
4619	Other Conservation		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00	
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing							
4651-4659	Economic Development							
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		1,000.00	0	1,000.00		1,000.00	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		18,828.00	18,834.60	18,828.00		18,828.00	
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bids		255,000.00	254,946.74	200,500.00		200,500.00	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund			830	1,000.00		1,000.00	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	- Sewer							
	- Water							

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	- Electric							
	- Airport							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
	OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL		1,074,834.88	1,072,586.74	1,082,735.56	2,786.50	1,082,735.56	3,577.00

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****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		0	3,000.00	3,000.00
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		18,689.62	15,000.00	15,000.00
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes		2,236.00		
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		27,616.30	26,000.00	26,000.00
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		15.8	20	20
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		141,885.56	131,700.00	131,700.00
3230	Building Permits		840	500	500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		3,493.84	2,935.00	2,935.00
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			37,500.00	37,500.00
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		40,057.39	40,057.00	40,057.00
3353	Highway Block Grant		134,713.50	134,893.00	134,893.00
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		121.6	100	100
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		6,834.43	2,500.00	2,500.00
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
ASSET REVENUE					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		7,561.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
3409	Other Charges				
UNUSUAL REVENUE					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		20,355.28	500	500
3502	Interest on Investments		1,022.41	1,000.00	1,000.00
3503-3509	Other		8,307.58	5,200.00	5,200.00
GRANTS FROM OTHERS					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		14,791.00		
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		457.7	1,040.00	1,040.00
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds			16,000.00	16,000.00
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts Voted From Fund Balance		38,000.00		
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			466,999.01	426,445.00	425,445

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	1,074,834.88	1,082,735.56	1,082,735.56
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	38,000.00	68,000.00	68,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 8)	16,000.00	48,400.00	36,400.00
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,127,834.88	1,189,135.56	1,177,135.56
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	466,999.01	425,445.00	425,445.00
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	660,835.87	763,690.56	751,690.56

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 117,713
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF ACWORTH
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

March 12th, 2013

Elections – 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Business Meeting – 7:30 – 8:45

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

Results of ballots cast – declared winners' names are noted in **bold print**.

Selectmen – One person for three-year term	
Jim Jennison	116
Craig Oshkello	123
Town Clerk – One person for three-year term	
Charlotte Comeau	222
Tax Collector - One person for one-year term	
Marianne Wierenga-Nevelson	222
Treasurer - One person for one-year term	
Melinda Loiselle	214
Local Auditor 1 for one-year term	
Brenda Melius	203
Trustee of Trust Funds – One Person for three-year term	
Alston W Barrett	216
Library Trustee – Two persons for three-year term	
Melinda Loiselle	216
Cemetery Trustee – One Person for three-year term	
Helen Frink	212
Budget Committee – Two persons for three-year term	
Bruce Bascom	170
Linda Christie	125
Tom Esslinger	113
Planning Board – Two Persons for three-year term	
Jim Neidert	188
Cheryl Sanctuary (write-in)	23

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendments to the Acworth Telecommunications Ordinance (concerning its updating with regard to excluding Residential and Crescent Lake Districts, compliance with other Town regulations, increasing buffers, including site restoration and increasing bonding) as proposed by the Planning Board. Copies of the complete amendments are available for review in the Town Office and will be available the day of voting. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the amendment to the existing Town of Acworth Telecommunications Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The amendment updates the Ordinance language regarding zoning districts, regulation compliance, buffers, site restoration and bonding.”

Results of ballots cast:

YES	175	NO	46
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ARTICLE TWO PASSED

At 6:45, Moderator John Luther announced for voters to go to the Supervisors of the checklist to obtain secret ballots for the upcoming meeting.

Moderator John Luther called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12th, 2013 at the Acworth Town Hall. John announced again for any voter that did not have their secret ballots to obtain them at this time from the Supervisors of the checklist. John announced that the polls would be open after the meeting for those who still had not voted. He then asked all to stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance.

Selectman Gretchen Abendschein announced recognition of years of service for Scott Luther-Houghton who has been Town Treasurer for 10 years.

Selectman Steven Holt announced recognition of years of service for Selectman Gretchen Abendschein who served two terms.

John went over a few rules of how the meeting would be conducted. His expectations were that people would be respectful to one another.

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

Article three moved by Jim Neidert. Seconded by Ken Grant.
With no discussion, article three was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE THREE PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article four moved by Jim Brown. Seconded by Marianne Nevelson. With no discussion, article four was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE FOUR PASSED

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to keep the GMC 3500 Truck. If the truck is sold proceeds of the sale would be deposited in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in 2014.

Article five moved by Carole Wallace. Seconded by Ken Cubberley.
After a brief discussion, article five was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE FIVE PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to purchase a compactor for the Transfer Station and to authorize the withdrawal of up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 2000 to pay for the purchase. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

Article six moved by Mary Lou Reed. Seconded by Teresa Berntsen.
After a brief discussion, article six was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE SIX PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created in 2010 for the next state required values update in 2016. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

Article seven moved by Bill Brodne. Seconded by Ken Cubberley.
With no discussion, article seven was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE SEVEN PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 2000. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

Article eight moved by Rob Vogel. Seconded by Chris Noonan.
With no discussion, article eight was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE EIGHT PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,074,835 for general municipal operations with \$38,000 to be applied to general municipal operations from unreserved fund balance. The Selectmen support the Budget Committee recommendation. This article does not include Special or Individual articles addressed.

Article nine moved by Brenda Melius. Seconded by Ken Grant.
With no discussion, article nine was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE NINE PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the land and building on Lynn Hill Road, parcel Map 229, Lot 36.1, deeded by the Town for nonpayment of taxes.

Article ten moved by Sally Eaton. Seconded by Brenda Melius.
After some discussion, article ten was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE TEN PASSED UNANIMOSLY

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to completely and absolutely discontinue the entire length of Pfohl Road (RSA 231:43).

Article eleven moved by Jim Brown. Seconded by Teresa Berntsen.

After some discussion, article eleven was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE ELEVEN PASSED

ARTICLE TWELVE: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

Moderator recognized Mary Lou Reed. Mary Lou Reed wanted the townspeople to know that the Church of Acworth has been actively working to obtain a FEMA grant for the bank stabilization on Bowers Brook. They have contacted an engineering firm out of Bow NH, NHDES and The Army Corp of Engineers. This allowed them to go forward to apply for a FEMA grant. However, the rules changed and in order to qualify for a FEMA grant, there have to be three catastrophic events within ten years. The church and the abutters submitted figures for damages that occurred within the last ten years. The only figure that was allowed was \$3,000 which was the amount the church spent to have the septic tank pumped. The grant was not approved. The Church of Acworth is open to any suggestions from residents for financing this project. The Church has spent in excess of \$6,000 for all the engineering and state fees and various expenses in order to be in compliance for the project. In order to continue, the church needs additional funds. There was some discussion on various ways this could be accomplished.

Gretchen Abendschein brought up the idea of bonding Class 5 and Class 6 roads and said the Selectman wanted to get feedback from townspeople. There was much discussion with both positive and negative feedback.

Jim Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rudy Kline.

Adjourning the business portion of the meeting went to voice. Passed unanimously.

Moderator announced at 8:45 p.m. that the business portion of meeting was adjourned and that anyone who wishes to vote may do so.

Polls closed at 9:00 p.m.

Meeting was recessed at 9:00 p.m. to count ballots.

Counting of ballots completed at 10:15 p.m. The information was given to Town Clerk to compile and complete necessary paperwork.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlotte Comeau
Acworth Town Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Municipal Services Division

2013 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN PORTION

Gross Appropriations	1,127,835		
Less: Revenues	(422,891)		
Less: Fund Balance Used	-		
Add: Overlay	15,423		
Add: War Service Credits	6,700		
Net Town Appropriation	727,067		
Special Adjustment	-		
Approved Town Tax Effort		727,067	
Town Rate per \$1,000			7.64

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget	-		
Regional School Apportionment	1,553,075		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(446,298)		
Less: State Education Taxes	(228,056)		
Approved School Tax Effort		878,721	
Local School Rate per \$1,000			9.24

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

State Equalized Valuation (no utilities)	93,657,518		
State Education Rate per \$1,000	2.44		
Approved State School Tax Effort		228,056	
State Education Rate per \$1,000			2.44
based on local assessed valuation			
(no utilities) of \$95,031,550			

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	313,723		
Less: Shared Revenues	-		
Approved County Tax Effort		313,723	
County Rate per \$1,000			3.30

TOTAL COMBINED TAX RATE PER \$1,000

22.62

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,147,567
Less: War Service Credits	(6,700)
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT	2,140,867

	local assessed valuation	tax rate per 1,000	taxes assessed
PROOF OF TAX RATE			
State Education Tax (no utilities)	93,561,040	2.44	228,056
All Other Taxes	95,107,940	20.18	1,919,511
		22.62	2,147,567

TOWN OF ACWORTH
MULTI-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON

Rate per \$1,000	2013	2012	after reval 2011	pre reval 2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	after reval 2006	pre reval 2006	2005
Town tax	7.64	7.43	6.83	6.25	6.97	6.47	7.05	6.63	4.31	9.22	7.59
Local school tax	9.24	8.79	8.65	7.92	7.65	7.55	7.12	6.85	7.02	15.02	13.97
State school tax	2.44	2.58	2.51	2.15	2.16	2.38	2.15	2.00	4.23	4.14	4.14
County tax	3.30	2.86	3.20	2.92	2.72	2.65	2.82	2.11	1.77	3.79	4.06
	22.62	21.66	21.19	19.24	19.49	19.05	19.14	17.59	15.08	32.26	29.76
Taxes per \$100,000 of assessed value											
Land/Building	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Town taxes	764.00	743.00	683.00	625.00	697.00	647.00	705.00	663.00	431.00	922.00	759.00
Local school tax	924.00	879.00	865.00	792.00	765.00	755.00	712.00	685.00	702.00	1,502.00	1,397.00
State school tax	244.00	258.00	251.00	215.00	216.00	238.00	215.00	200.00	423.00	414.00	414.00
County taxes	330.00	286.00	320.00	292.00	272.00	265.00	282.00	211.00	177.00	379.00	406.00
	2,262.00	2,166.00	2,119.00	1,924.00	1,949.00	1,905.00	1,914.00	1,759.00	1,508.00	3,226.00	2,976.00
Town valuation summary (per ms-1)											
Land only	1,277,940	1,938,450	1,967,530	2,075,970	2,080,920	2,071,740	1,682,880	1,679,410	1,707,520	884,580	864,580
current use										2,500	2,500
conserv restrict										16,190,046	16,190,046
residential	35,270,300	35,369,800	35,446,000	34,832,200	35,176,400	35,292,400	35,524,100	35,293,400	37,167,400	35,300	35,300
commercial	874,700	906,300	906,300	995,100	982,700	984,700	364,700	364,700	403,500	35,300	35,300
subtotal	37,422,940	38,214,550	38,319,830	37,903,270	38,220,020	37,728,840	37,571,680	37,337,510	39,278,420	17,092,426	17,092,426
Building only											
residential	52,112,000	51,893,700	51,220,100	61,591,900	60,799,100	59,550,700	59,160,000	58,435,400	57,602,800	28,023,850	28,023,850
manufact housing	1,228,900	1,391,200	1,421,400	1,621,600	1,385,600	1,381,600	1,429,600	1,429,600	1,429,600	768,500	768,500
commercial	3,022,200	3,811,800	2,684,400	2,814,200	2,153,000	2,212,200	2,165,300	2,176,200	2,199,100	1,160,300	1,160,300
subtotal	56,363,100	57,096,700	55,325,900	66,027,700	64,337,700	63,144,500	62,754,900	62,039,100	61,231,500	29,952,650	29,952,650
Public utilities	1,546,900	1,472,574	1,342,032	1,422,200	1,248,606	1,194,995	1,375,500	1,415,000	1,548,934	754,902	754,902
valuation totals	95,332,940	96,783,824	94,987,762	105,353,170	103,806,326	102,066,335	101,702,080	100,791,610	102,066,854	47,799,978	47,799,978
Blind exempt	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)
Elderly exempt	(195,000)	(249,700)	(244,700)	(249,100)	(249,100)	(234,100)	(314,100)	(319,100)	(162,500)	(140,000)	(140,000)
value for local taxes	95,107,940	96,504,124	94,713,062	105,074,070	103,527,226	101,804,235	101,357,980	100,457,510	101,879,354	47,644,978	47,644,978
less utilities	(1,546,900)	(1,472,574)	(1,342,032)	(1,422,200)	(1,248,606)	(1,194,995)	(1,375,500)	(1,415,000)	(1,546,934)	(754,902)	(754,902)
value for state ed tax	93,561,040	95,031,550	93,371,030	103,651,870	102,278,620	100,609,240	99,982,480	99,042,510	100,332,420	46,890,076	46,890,076
Change in town valuation											
Town valuation	95,332,940	96,783,824	94,987,762	105,353,170	103,806,326	102,066,335	101,702,080	100,791,610	102,066,854	47,799,978	47,799,978
Valuation change	(1,450,884)	1,796,062	(10,365,408)	1,546,844	1,737,991	366,255	910,470	(1,265,244)	54,256,876	-	458,717

TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statements of Receipts for 2013

	<u>Jan - Dec 13</u>
3100 Received from tax collector	\$ 2,207,354.89
See tax collector report for breakdown of details	
Bounced check not replaced	-
	<u>2,207,354.89</u>
3200 Received from town clerk	143,622.56
See town clerk report for breakdown of details	
Bounced check not replaced	-
	<u>143,622.56</u>
3350 From State sources	
3352 Meals and rooms distribution	40,057.39
3353 Highway block grant	134,713.50
3356 Forest land reimbursement	121.60
3359.2 Other State grants	6,834.43
	<u>181,726.92</u>
3400 Revenue from services	
3404 Transfer station fees	7,561.00
3500 Miscellaneous sources	
3501.2 Cemetery lot sales	500.00
3501.3 Gove lot timber sales	19,855.28
3502.1 Interest income on deposits	1,022.41
3503.1 Rent of town property	245.00
3506.3 Insurance proceeds	3,604.15
3509.21 Recycling proceeds-paper	1,833.57
3509.22 Recycling proceeds-metal	2,541.40
3509.24 Electronics	83.46
3230.2 Building permits	840.00
3292.1 Driveway permit fees	90.00
3292.2 Planning board fees	1,040.00
3292.3 Sale of histories and maps	255.00
3292.5 Miscellaneous fees	371.84
	<u>32,282.11</u>
3915 From special revenue funds	
3915.2 Transfer from capital reserves for equipment	14,791.00
3916 Trust and agency funds	
3916.1 Cemetery trust funds	457.70
3917 Transfers from Conservation funds	
3917.1 Transfers from forest maintenance funds	-
Voted from fund balance	<u>38,000.00</u>
Total cash receipts for 2013	<u><u>2,625,796.18</u></u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2013

	Jan - Dec 13
4130 Town officers' salaries	
Selectmen-Rob DeValk	\$ 2,000.00
Selectmen-Steven Hoit	2,000.00
Selectmen-Craig Oshkello	2,000.00
Treasurer-Melinda Loiselle	2,596.05
Deputy treasurer-Greta Perry	1,000.00
Tax collector-Marianne Nevelson	7,269.21
Deputy tax collector-Susan Metsack	1,038.42
Town clerk-Charlotte Comeau	8,307.63
Health officer-Toni Bowman	250.00
Deputy health officer-Tamsen Howes	250.00
Local auditor-Brenda Melius	250.00
	<hr/> 26,961.31
4140 Elections and vital statistics	
Stipends-election officials	1,216.50
Public notices	55.79
Training	40.00
Vital record fees	211.00
	<hr/> 1,523.29
4150 Town office expenses	
Wages-administrative assistant	42,667.74
Health insurance	7,112.88
Computer, software and support	3,631.25
Deed office recording fees	32.46
Dues to Associations	703.10
Miscellaneous	105.00
Office equipment	1,256.02
Office supplies	1,287.11
Outside consultants	450.15
Postage	793.74
Public notices	364.32
Services of forester	697.50
Telephone	1,618.98
Tax collector expenses	4,761.54
Town clerk expenses	2,011.47
Town reports	757.00
Workshops and training	20.00
	<hr/> 68,270.26
4152 Revaluation of property	
Property assessing	9,504.73
Mapping	2,060.00
	<hr/> 11,564.73
4153 Legal expenses	8,527.62

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2013

	Jan - Dec 13
4150 Payroll tax expenses	
Payroll taxes-cleaning/shoveling	91.60
Payroll taxes-dump attendant	1,144.31
Payroll taxes-election officials	93.06
Payroll taxes-forest fires	71.87
Payroll taxes-highway	11,878.56
Payroll taxes-planning board	120.12
Payroll taxes-road projects	866.64
Payroll taxes-town office	3,264.11
Payroll taxes-town officials	2,062.51
	<hr/> 19,592.78
4191 Planning and zoning	
Wages - planning board	1,569.75
Miscellaneous expenses	164.08
Public notices	265.47
Registry recording fees	88.00
	<hr/> 2,087.30
4194 Town hall expenses	
Wages - cleaning and shoveling	1,085.30
Electricity	856.17
Fuel oil	3,026.87
Mowing	3,025.00
Repairs	957.00
Supplies	40.14
	<hr/> 8,990.48
4195 Cemeteries	
Corner stones	135.00
Miscellaneous expenses	391.00
Mowing	3,060.00
Stone restoration	3,500.00
Tree work	8,748.00
	<hr/> 15,834.00
4196 Insurance	
Property and general liability	7,144.10
State unemployment insurance	3,990.00
Workmens compensation	2,329.40
	<hr/> 13,463.50
4197 Regional planning associations	1,132.46

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2013

	<u>Jan - Dec 13</u>
4210 Police	
Contract services	90.00
Dispatch	3,400.00
	<u>3,490.00</u>
4215 Ambulance	9,600.00
4220 Fire & Rescue services	36,000.00
4290 Emergency management	
Wages-forest fires	1,229.93
Forest fires-other costs	1,829.06
Miscellaneous	187.50
	<u>3,246.49</u>
4312 Highway maintenance	
Wages-highway	155,274.85
Health insurance	17,189.46
Crack sealing	10,650.00
Culverts	13,316.99
Equipment lease	4,744.50
Equipment rental	2,795.00
Mag chloride	15,292.98
Materials-gravel and crushing	6,891.05
Miscellaneous	866.66
Roadside mowing	2,794.65
Road grading	31,830.00
Road signs	325.72
Salt	19,863.45
Small maintenance projects	25,220.00
Trucking	13,940.00
	<u>320,995.31</u>
4313 Bridge repairs	2,500.00
4316 Street lighting	2,283.89
4319 Highway - general expenses	
Building compliance	591.05
Building maintenance	5,627.86
Diesel fuel	36,626.84
Drug testing	853.00
Electricity	1,528.95
Emergency tow	125.00
Gas	2,701.01
Heating oil	6,464.28
Miscellaneous	384.88
New equipment	6,855.00
Radio communication	2,914.00
Repairs, parts	51,493.67
Safety	715.01
Supplies	950.94
Telephone	1,236.79
Training	85.00
	<u>119,153.28</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2013

Jan - Dec 13

4324 Solid waste

Wages-dump attendant	14,958.63
Capital improvements-bin and pads	4,704.67
Comingle bin w/o glass	267.95
Compactor trucking/rental fees	23,919.54
Demolition disposal fees	9,817.77
Electricity	563.74
Electronics recycling	1,055.21
Fluorescent disposal	110.69
Freon extraction	225.00
Hazardous waste disposal	636.72
Miscellaneous supplies	575.45
Mixed paper disposal	2,271.70
Repair and maintenance	253.96
Safety	480.00
Telephone	377.74
Tire disposal	522.75
Training	345.10
	61,086.62

4325 Landfill closure

Monitoring	3,041.39
	3,041.39

4414 Animal control

Dog tags	94.02
State fees	416.00
Vet and boarding	770.70

4415 Health and other agencies

Alstead Food Shelf	1,000.00
Big Brother Big Sister	250.00
Fall Mountain Friendly Meals	500.00
Home Healthcare Hospice & CS	1,000.00
Monadnock Family Services	500.00
Red Cross	250.00
S W Community Services	900.00
West Central Behavioral Health	880.00
	5,280.00

4445 Welfare

4520 Recreation

Electricity	89.50
Mowing	480.00
Portable toilet	105.00
Program expense	84.00
	758.50

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2013

	Jan - Dec 13
4550 Library	
Wages-library	22,217.48
Payroll taxes-library	1,691.07
Mowing/lawn maintenance	1,270.00
Library appropriation paid	12,781.45
	<u>37,960.00</u>
4583 Memorial Day expenses	200.00
4589 Other culture and recreation	210.00
4611 Conservation commission	
CC association dues	210.00
Crescent Lake testing	211.72
Miscellaneous expenses	591.75
	<u>941.47</u>
4619 Conservation preservation	
Crescent Lake Milfoil Committee	2,000.00
4902 Machinery, vehicles & equipment	
Equipment lease - excavator	18,834.60
Equipment-compact	14,791.00
	<u>33,625.60</u>
4909 Improvements other than bdlgs	
Wages-road projects	11,328.54
Charlestown Road, section B	243,400.71
Town pit development	9,807.49
Town properties	410.00
	<u>264,946.74</u>
4912 To special revenue funds	
Cemetery lot sales reimbursement	830.00
	<u>830.00</u>
4915 To capital reserve funds	
Capital reserve - highway equipment	30,000.00
Capital reserve - revaluation	8,000.00
	<u>38,000.00</u>
Total appropriation disbursements for 2013	<u><u>\$ 1,125,377.74</u></u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statement of Non-appropriation Disbursements 2013

Jan - Dec 13

4931 Sullivan County	\$ 313,723.00
4933 FM Regional School District	1,106,777.00
Tax collector abatements and overpayments refunded	4,467.00
Tax collector liens on unpaid taxes	70,981.66
Total non-appropriation disbursements for 2012	<u>\$ 1,495,948.66</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary of Conservation Commission accounts for 2013

Conservation commission savings account

Beginning balance 1/1/13	\$ 14,204.37
Orchard school scholarship	(500.00)
Interest income	7.84
Ending balance 12/31/13	<u>\$ 13,712.21</u>

Cons. Comm. forest maintenance savings account

Beginning balance 1/1/13	\$ 3,709.38
Timber sale proceeds	19,855.28
Timber bond reimbursement	(500.00)
Interest income	9.06
Bank service fees	(1.80)
Forest management plan expenses	(2,824.25)
Ending balance 12/31/13	<u>\$ 20,247.67</u>

Town of Acworth
Balance Sheets (General Fund, Comparative)
December 31, 2013 and 2012

	31-Dec 2013	31-Dec 2012
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Checking	\$ 423.07	\$ 1,234.54
Money market	510,198.23	573,919.68
Petty cash	150.00	150.00
Savings - performance bonds	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
	512,271.30	576,804.22
Taxes receivable		
Taxes receivable - property tax	205,181.48	183,324.89
Taxes receivable - timber yield tax	1,964.96	1,504.04
Tax liens receivable - 2008 levy	-	-
Tax liens receivable - 2009 levy	9,773.71	6,148.84
Tax liens receivable - 2010 levy	13,645.92	8,795.28
Tax liens receivable - 2011 levy	24,667.05	29,498.47
Tax liens receivable - 2012 levy	49,699.39	58,815.16
Allowance for abatements-property tax	<u>(15,423.00)</u>	<u>-</u>
	289,509.51	288,086.68
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 801,780.81</u>	<u>\$ 864,890.90</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Prepaid property taxes	\$ 3,946.05	\$ 1,038.53
School district payable	460,181.64	469,009.06
Performance bond refundable	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>4,820.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	465,627.69	474,867.59
Fund equity		
Fund equity - unassigned	336,153.12	390,023.31
	<u>336,153.12</u>	<u>390,023.31</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 801,780.81</u>	<u>\$ 864,890.90</u>

2013 Schedule of Town Real Properties and Values

Town Hall and Land 229-1	\$151,600	
Library and Land 229-32	116,400	
Town Garage and Transfer Station 253-11	151,400	
Hill/Lynn triangle	8,200	
Flagpole Lot	18,600	
Town Common 229-3	27,000	\$473,200
Land Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:		
Roberts Lot 236-10	38,500	
Howard Estate Lot 210-39	32,400	
Ball Lot 230-3	11,900	
Buss Lot 226-1	8,500	
Callum Lot 234-18	28,700	
Champney Lot 226-6	31,900	
Crescent Lake Lot 201-60	10,700	
Farnsworth Lot (Ball field) 222-4	55,400	
Gove/Fournier Lots (Town Forest) 211-1,201-135	880,800	
Hurd Lots 201-107 and 108	512,300	
Jennison Lot 240-9	82,900	
Onofrio Lot 229-30	34,200	
Prouty Lot 250-2	6,900	
Moto Lot 241-18	20,400	
Crescent Lake Lot 201-36	26,500	
Owner unknown 210-20.1	2,800	
Owner unknown 234-19	44,100	
Owner unknown 207-6	36,000	
Owner unknown 222-21	8,500	
Augustinowicz 210-27	36,000	
Patten 208-10.1	34,800	
Page Wilson 229-36-1	160,400	
Euras, Inc. 201-6	261,600	
Paul Assoc. 201-8	224,000	
Murzda 206-1	30,600	\$2,640,800
Land Acquired Through Gift or Purchase:		
Desbiens Lot 201-109	125,000	
Peirera/Diggert Lots (Town Wetlands) 225-6,226-9	92,100	
Pierce Brook Lot 209-7	48,600	
Ward Lot 218-4	22,300	
Mill Pond Acre/Mica Shed 246-17	31,500	
Contents per LGC/PLT	1,000	
Five Points School House Lot 231-8	8,900	
Prince Lot 246-57	2,300	
Lubetkin/Cemetery Lot 234-13	31,200	
Conservation Associates Lot 225-7	62,900	
Stebbins Road 229-58	11,100	
Nye Road Cemetery	25,500	
Hill Road Cemetery 234-24	43,000	\$505,400
Total		\$3,619,400

2013 Auditor Report

The Acworth Town financials for 2012 were audited during 2013. The audit was completed using the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) form MS-60, Report of Locally Elected Auditor. The audit included a review of the records from the General Ledger, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Trustees of Trust Funds, Town Clerk and Library. The audit found no discrepancies in any of these records. As a result of the audit, several recommendations were made to improve record keeping and facilitate tracking of town finances. The completed MS-60 was submitted to the Acworth Town Select board and the NH DRA. The completed MS-60 can be reviewed at the Acworth Town Offices.

Submitted by,
Brenda Melius
Elected Town Auditor

2013 Tax Collector's Report

The Board of Selectmen issued warrants for the collection of 2013 property taxes in the amount of \$2,141,682.00. On 12/31/2012 the Town received \$1,926,823.00 in payments for 2013 property taxes, which means 90% of taxes has been collected. This is 1% less than 2010 and 2011.

In addition I received warrants for 2013 Yield Taxes in the amount of \$18,689.62 and 2013 Gravel Taxes for \$15.80. On 012/31/2013 the combined outstanding balance for these taxes was \$1,964.96.

On October 28, 2013, 8 Liens were outstanding for the levy of 2010 affecting 7 taxpayers. Three properties were tax deeded to the Town: map 201-6, map 206-1, and map 201-8. The Town issued me Tax Deed waivers for the remaining 4 Liens for the 2010 Levy. Of these 2 taxpayers have been made weekly/monthly payments and unfortunately only one is in compliance with the payment plan. The combined lien balances for these two taxpayers are as of 12/31/2013: 2008 Tax Liens \$2,793.14 and 2009 \$6,935.57 and 2010 \$13,572.42. These liens have an interest rate of 18% a year.

I have mailed the delinquency notice for the 2013 Levy on January 24, 2014 to delinquent taxpayers alerting them to the 2013 Levy Lien date of August 4, 2014. All properties with uncollected 2013 taxes on August 4, 2014 will receive a Lien regardless of the amount of taxes. Liens are an expensive proposition – 18% interest plus various fees. Please pay.

The unpaid Tax levy of 2011 is scheduled for tax deeding on October 27, 2014. As of 12/31/2013, 11 Tax payers are scheduled for Tax Deeding and subsequent eviction. Please contact me immediately to set up regular payments, otherwise I will be forced to recommend the execution of a Tax Deed to the Board of Selectmen. You can make an appointment with me any time that is convenient for you.

In 2013, 34 taxpayers received real estate liens for the levy of 2012, 24 of these liens remain unpaid in the amount of \$48,983.59.

On December 31, 2013, the Levy of 2011 had 13 liens outstanding in the amount of \$24,563.05.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Marianne W Nevelson
Tax Collector

2013 Tax Collector's Report
(Continued)

Levy	Invoice Description	Beginning Balance	New Charges	Payments	Other Credits	Refunds	Ending Balance
2014	CREDIT MEMOS			-1,666.00			-1,666.00
2013	CREDIT MEMOS	-1,038.53		1,038.53			
2013	PROPERTY TAXES		2,141,044.00	-1,930,777.92		4,090.35	214,356.43
	TAKEN BY DEED				-11,676.00		-11,676.00
	TAX ABATEMENTS				-1,445.00		-1,445.00
	INTEREST CHARGES		1,410.22	-1,410.22			
	OTHER CHARGES		40.00	-40.00			
2012	PROPERTY TAXES	183,324.89	22.93	-118,352.61			64,995.21
	CONVERT TO LIEN			-63,799.58			-63,799.58
	TAX ABATEMENTS				-1,195.63		-1,195.63
	INTEREST CHARGES		11,642.77	-11,642.77			
	OTHER CHARGES		54.00	-54.00			
2009	PROPERTY TAXES	0.10		-0.10			
	INTEREST CHARGES	-0.10	0.10				
2014	YIELD TAXES			-570.00			-570.00
2013	YIELD TAXES		18,689.62	-16,724.66		353.33	2,318.29
	TAX ABATEMENTS				-353.33		-353.33
	INTEREST CHARGES		8.71	-8.71			
2012	YIELD TAXES	1,504.04		-1,504.04			
	INTEREST CHARGES		68.35	-68.35			
2013	EXCAVATION TAXES		15.80	-15.80			
2012	Tax Liens		70,981.66	-9,565.59			61,416.07
	TAKEN BY DEED				-12,511.98		-12,511.98
	INTEREST CHARGES		757.83	-757.82			0.01
	OTHER CHARGES		980.80	-185.51			795.29
2011	TAX LIENS	58,581.16		-21,925.72			36,655.44
	TAKEN BY DEED				-12,092.39		-12,092.39
	INTEREST CHARGES		3,651.51	-3,624.75			26.76
	OTHER CHARGES	234.00		-156.76			77.24
2010	TAX LIENS	29,230.22		-10,778.69			18,451.53
	TAKEN BY DEED				-4,946.11		-4,946.11
	INTEREST CHARGES	42.91	3,428.45	-3,470.92			0.44
	OTHER CHARGES	225.34	16.50	-101.78			140.06
2009	TAX LIENS	8,676.28		-1,740.71			6,935.57
	INTEREST CHARGES		2,518.79	-2,518.79			

Levy	Invoice Description	Beginning Balance	New Charges	Payments	Other Credits	Refunds	Ending Balance
	OTHER CHARGES	119.00		-74.00			45.00
2008 TAX LIENS		6,148.84		-3,355.70			2,793.14
	INTEREST CHARGES		2,227.42	-2,227.42			
2012 COSTS NOT LIENED			1,274.50				1,274.50
	CONVERT TO LIEN			-1,274.50			-1,274.50
	Grand Totals	287,048.15	2,258,833.96	-2,207,354.89	-44,220.44	4,443.68	298,750.46

2013 Town Clerk Report

I have been in this office now for over nine years and truly enjoy serving the community of Acworth!

I want to take this opportunity to list some of the services available at this office for those of you that may be new in town. I am responsible for registering and titling vehicles. I complete marriage license applications, process birth, marriage and death certificates, file wetland permit applications, pole licenses and dog licenses. I accept voter registration forms, mail absentee ballots, prepare the town ballot and administer the oath of office to any newly elected or appointed Town Official. Notary Public services are also available. There is more detailed information on the town website at www.acworth.cc. Click on the link that says Office Hours and then click on the link under Town Clerk hours. If there are any broken links, please let me know.

My office hours are Tuesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday morning from 8:00 to noon unless posted otherwise. If I close the office during these hours, I will post this information ahead of time either in the Acworth Community Newsletter or at the Acworth post office, the village store and town hall office. I will always be closed on a Tuesday evening of an election.

It will soon be time to renew your dog licenses for 2014. The 2013 license will expire on April 30th. Beginning June 1st a \$1.00 per month late fee is assessed.

As a reminder, there is the option of renewing your registration and/or dog license on the Internet. To do this, go to the town website www.acworth.cc, scroll down and select the appropriate icon and follow the step-by-step instructions.



Please be sure to make out two checks for vehicle registration and print out the confirmation. Make out one check to The Town of Acworth and the other to The State of NH DMV. Mail the confirmation in with your checks and keep a copy for yourself until you receive your registration in the mail. You are able to renew your registrations up to four months in advance.

If you don't have a computer and would like to access the Internet for these services, you could go to the village store or library.

For everyone's safety, the office may be closed during inclement weather, if you are unsure or have any questions, please call the office at 835-6879.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Comeau
Acworth Town Clerk

2013 TOWN CLERK REPORT
(Continued)

MOTOR VEHICLES

Vehicle Registrations	135,848.41
Clerk Fees	1,490.00
Title Fees	408.00
Title Transfer Fees	355.00
Municipal Agent Fee	3,547.50
E-Convenience Fee	139.50
E-Log Fee	39.65
Returned Check Fees	<u>25.00</u>
	141,853.06

DOGS

Licenses Issued: 199

Town Fees	824.00
State Fees	380.00
Late Fees	<u>123.00</u>
	1,327.00

MARRIAGES

Licenses Issued: 4

Town Fees	28.00
State Fees	<u>152.00</u>
	180.00

FILING FEES

Vital Record Copies	
Town Fees	31.00
State Fees	84.00
Pole License	10.00
Wetlands Permit	<u>90.00</u>
	215.00

REMITTED TO TREASURER **143,575.06**

2013 Selectmen's Report

The Board's primary concerns in 2013 were changes in the Town's overall value, meeting the cost of maintaining our roads and bridges and drafting regulations to protect our Class VI roads.

We have written extensively about Fairpoint's court action against towns across the state objecting to taxation of poles and conduits as permitted by the State legislature in 2011. In 2013 we were advised by counsel to lower our Fairpoint assessment and prepare to refund taxes paid since the 2011 ruling. At the same time the State Current Use Board lowered the value of some categories of Current Use forest land. Together these resulted in a loss of over one million dollars in overall Town value. In October the Board met with members of the Budget Committee to describe the situation and the upward pressure this would apply to the 2013 tax rate. The value change resulted in an increase of about 30 cents in our Town tax rate which was the basis of the fall tax bill.

Meeting the cost of maintaining our roads and bridges is not a new concern. In 2013 the Board engaged Eckman Engineers to evaluate the Forest and Allen Road bridges. The State has warned of deteriorating conditions on both for a number of years. Replacement estimates came in at \$200,000 for Forest and \$440,000 for Allen Road which the Board included into projections in the 2014 Capital Improvement Plan. In October a paving company representative provided an estimate for paving Crane Brook and Derry Hill Roads for the Board and Budget Committee. The total was just over one million dollars for repaving only what is there with no culvert work.

Those two issues, decreasing value and rising costs, figured heavily into the Board's budget for 2014. Most accounts were kept as close to level as possible and replacement of the International truck was postponed another year. The Board's recommendation for road projects was reduced from previous years to provide time for tax payers to adjust to the effect of an increase in the tax rate. Most importantly the Board wants to communicate the need for Townspeople to consider that in the future we may not be able to repave all of our roads, that the gravel roads of today do not have the problems of the dirt roads of the past and that maintenance of our existing roads is critical in avoiding expensive repairs.

Part of maintaining our existing roads is protecting them from damage. While there is protection built into State law, implementing it can involve costly court proceedings. The enactment of road regulations provides the Town with tools to protect roads before damage occurs. In January the Board began reviewing past attempts to enact regulations; the files go back to 1993. In March the subject was discussed at Town Meeting with both support and concern. Public hearings were held in May and September with consensus to adopt regulations in 2014 when funding for appropriate signage could be available.

Over the year the Board also met with DOT regarding plans to replace the Bowers Brook Bridge. The project was moved forward from 2020 to 2017 on the State's Ten Year Plan.

Code compliance continues to be a Board topic and represents one of the few budget increases recommended. A compliance line was added under the Legal account to provide for court filing in matters where no amount of negotiation has remedied a situation.

Use and enjoyment of our Town Hall has continued. In 2013 we saw presentations about bears and cellar holes there. The Crescent Lake Association held their annual meeting, the Acworth Community Charitable Trust held an art exhibit and watercolor workshop, the Library held its book fair, two theater groups staged productions, several private parties were held and last but not least, Acworth Primary School held gym class and performances there. We are so fortunate to have this space.

The Board looks forward to the opportunities and challenges of a new year and welcomes your participation. Board meetings are the second and fourth Mondays each month.

Acworth Board of Selectmen:

Rob DeValk, Steven Holt, Craig Oshkello

2013 Highway Department Report

During 2013 our Department completed preparation of the Charlestown Road for paving, upgraded culverts and surface material on Black North and Grout Hill Roads, opened ditches and graded gravel roads, installed the new compactor at the Transfer Station and worked on safety issues in the Garage.

Charlestown Road required shoulder work and road bed material to be ready for paving. Gravel was trucked from the Town gravel pit and the surface leveled by our contract grader. The actual paving was completed in one day during the fall. Having our equipment there allowed us to incorporate work on Black North Road where we completed the ditching and culvert installation started in 2012. Gravel was brought in and the surface graded. We moved our equipment onto Grout Hill Road late in the season. We replaced undersized culverts and brought in gravel. There is more to be done there in 2014.

This was our first year working with a contract grader and we found it successful although we saw the need to modify the schedule to keep up with day to day maintenance. Our crew provided support trucking gravel during grading. We priced roller rentals and found we could lease and have a machine year round for the cost of a two month rental. The benefit of using a roller on professionally graded roads was evident during the July rainstorm. Our roads held while a number of neighboring towns experienced severe washouts.

The other part of maintaining gravel roads is keeping the ditches open. This can be disruptive for property owners where the ditches have not been maintained in recent years but good drainage has proven to protect our roads.

Following the Town Meeting vote approving purchase of a compactor we researched models and prepared for installation at the Transfer Station. The install was coordinated with expiration of our contract with Gobin/Casella for waste disposal. The 2014 Transfer Station budget shows a reduction in the equipment rental line and under disposal as we were able to solicit bids that did not reply on compactor rental. During the year our facility permit was renewed and the Regional Planning Commission organized a tour of the Transfer Station for area towns.

Between storms last winter we worked with our insurance carrier to identify safety issues in the Garage. This was a proactive step toward being prepared to meet any regulatory requirements that could be applied to us. We have continued to work on lighting and welding protection, safe material and tool storage and protective personnel gear as our schedule and budget have allowed.

Jeremy Rowe, Keith Short and Bob Stocker have been our core highway crew members and Frank Emig has seen us through a number of transitions at the Transfer Station. We have also been fortunate to have good part-time help when we needed it. All of us appreciate your support.

Dave Lacasse, Highway Supervisor

2013 Solid Waste Report

Waste shipped for disposal

Municipal Solid Waste (Household Refuse)	219.65 tons
Construction and Demolition Debris and Bulky Waste	<u>84.06 tons</u>
Total	303.71 tons

Recyclable material shipped for processing or reuse*

Grand Total: Waste and Recyclables	<u>71.70 tons</u> 375.41 tons
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Recycling rate as a percentage of total tons received 23.6%

<u>Hauling</u>	<u>Avg. weight</u>	<u>Shipments</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Municipal Solid Waste	10.45 tons/haul	21 containers	219.65
C&D	5.60 tons/haul	15 containers	84.06
Mixed Paper Fiber**	5.18 tons/haul	9 containers	46.67
Co-mingled Containers***	1.94 tons/haul	9 containers	17.50
Scrap Metal	13.00 tons/haul	2 containers	26.00
Electronics	.51 tons/haul	6 shipments	3.10
Misc. + tires (est.)			

<u>Material****</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Net Cost or Income/Ton</u>
MSW	\$21,044	-	\$ 95.80/ton cost
C&D	\$ 9,817	-	\$116.78/ton cost
Mixed Paper	\$ 2,271	\$1,833	\$ 9.52/ton income
Co-mingled	\$ 267	-	\$ 15.25/ton cost
Scrap Metal	\$	\$2,541	\$ 97.73/ton income
Electronics	\$ 1,055	-	\$340.32/shipment cost
Tires		-	

* This figure does not include glass, batteries, propane tanks, bulbs and other incidental recyclable materials. (Figures may not total due to rounding.)

** Mixed includes newsprint, cardboard, magazines, and all other clean paper fiber.

*** Co-mingled includes clean aluminum, plastic or tin beverage and food containers.

**** Fees collected in 2011 offset C&D, Electronic and Tire removal costs. However, Transfer station revenues are not currently broken out for these categories and are therefore not reflected in the Net Cost or Income/Ton calculation

Board of Selectmen office

2013 Trustees of Trust Funds Report

In 2013 the Trustees met at the Town Hall four times in public session to transact all appropriate business coming before the board. As per our mandate; trustees shall meet often enough to carry out their legal responsibilities in a timely fashion.

Of great importance to the legal functioning and credibility of any board that holds money in trust is the office of Town Auditor. During the past two years, following a decade of very cursory audits, the board now feels that the town is being well served by greatly improved oversight. About twelve years ago a full board of Trustees was appointed to fill long vacant positions. Since that time we have initiated, developed, and improved accounting practices. The trustees are very pleased to recognize two recent annual audits that reflect well on our efforts. The auditor's comments: "no discrepancies in the records. All records are filed and very well documented." "The Trustees keep very concise and complete records. No recommended changes at this time." The quotes are from the MS-60 file.

Although the Trustees work closely as a board, a large amount of credit for the current positive audit report is due to the efforts of our elected bookkeeper Tim Perry.

The trustees are still frustrated by the lack of favorable interest rates and safe investment possibilities to generate higher interest income and/or capital gains. This situation is compounded by a relatively modest total value of the trusts and variable amounts of capital reserve funds. More than a decade ago interest rates were high enough to provide significant amounts of expendable income in contrast to current conditions under which such income barely exists. We also note that past capital gains were achieved by means that may not have been legal at the time and are not permissible today.

We are guided in these matters by our investment policy:

Safety - preserving the value of the principle; Liquidity - the ability to turn an investment into cash without significant loss of principle; and Yield - the return expected for a particular investment.

Respectfully submitted, Alston W. Barrett, Tim Perry, and Paul Auger, Trustees

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ALDORTH ON DECEMBER 31, 2013																
Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				Expended During Year	Balance Year End	Grand Total		
				Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance Beginning Year	%	Income During Year	%					
n/a	Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP 11.1	35,396.25	30,000.00	0.00	14,791.00	50,605.25	4,755.35	9.8	5.38	0.00	4,760.73	55,365.98		
n/a	Dump Closure	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP 2.6	8,194.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,194.57	2,171.06	2.9	1.57	0.00	2,172.63	10,367.20		
n/a	C P Road Paving	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP 0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,058.31	0.3	0.17	0.00	1,058.48	1,058.48		
n/a	Ac. Elementary School CRF	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP 6.8	21,741.42	4,410.00	0.00	0.00	26,151.42	32.65	7.3	3.83	0.00	36.48	26,187.90		
n/a	2010 Reval CRE	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP 2.5	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00	12.87	2.3	1.24	0.00	14.11	16,014.11		
1913	Edward C Ball	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	333.67	0.3	0.15	2.99	330.83	869.58		
1913	Julia A Buswell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	111.74	0.3	0.18	4.07	107.85	1,185.35		
1916	Mary L Bowers	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.5	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	982.95	0.7	0.37	8.90	974.42	2,590.67		
1922	TW Place	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.1	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	93.26	0.1	0.05	1.24	92.07	361.45		
1922	George W Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	573.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.02	381.62	0.3	0.17	3.27	378.52	951.54		
1924	William Warner	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	212.62	0.2	0.13	2.57	210.18	748.93		
1925	Horace G Perham	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.1	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	70.29	0.1	0.05	1.16	69.18	338.56		
1925	Henny A. Clark	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.86	0.4	0.23	6.13	706.96	1,784.46		
1925	Laura L. McKeen	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.16	0.3	0.15	20.16	322.15	860.90		
1925	Abram Mitchell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.3	1,023.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,023.63	667.15	0.4	0.22	5.79	661.58	1,685.21		
1929	Charles K Wood	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	303.37	0.3	0.15	2.88	300.64	839.39		
1930	Cynthia Finley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.14	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.28	878.03		
1930	Charles Elliot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.1	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	70.72	0.1	0.05	1.16	69.61	338.99		
1930	Hyram Hayward	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	225.75	0.2	0.13	2.62	223.26	762.01		
1931	Ada L Wallace	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.85	0.4	0.23	6.13	706.95	1,784.45		
1931	White-Ryder	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	511.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	511.81	333.51	0.3	0.15	2.89	330.77	842.58		
1932	Owett Eaton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.1	134.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	134.69	99.78	0.0	0.02	0.80	99.00	233.69		
1933	Samual A. Nye	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	186.84	0.2	0.13	2.48	184.49	773.24		
1934	Ashton A Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.09	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.23	877.98		
1937	George W. Buss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.09	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.23	877.98		
1937	Frank McNaughton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.09	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.23	877.98		
1937	Walter Sadler	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.5	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	1,083.40	0.7	0.39	9.24	1,074.55	2,690.80		
1938	George W. Cull	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.12	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.26	878.01		
1939	Alger E Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.12	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.26	878.01		
1940	Charles M Thornton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.12	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.26	878.01		
1941	Gertrude C Reed	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	609.09	0.4	0.22	5.77	603.54	1,681.04		
1941	Weston Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.12	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.26	878.01		
1941	Olin R Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.1	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	170.87	0.1	0.05	1.51	169.41	438.79		
1942	James Jeffrey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.14	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.28	878.03		
1942	H W Allen	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.14	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.28	878.03		
1943	Ella Prentiss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	115.57	0.2	0.09	2.24	113.42	652.17		
1944	Almon E Clark	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	700.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.38	450.22	0.3	0.18	3.94	446.46	1,146.84		
1944	Francis Buss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.1	377.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	377.13	262.40	0.2	0.09	2.19	260.30	637.43		
1945	Edwin S Chatterton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.5	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	1,083.46	0.7	0.39	9.24	1,074.61	2,690.86		
1946	Horace Rugg	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.15	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.29	878.04		
1946	Erving Davis	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.3	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	541.82	0.4	0.20	4.62	537.40	1,345.53		
1946	Carl Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	186.26	0.2	0.13	2.48	185.91	722.66		
1946	W A Barney	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.15	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.29	878.04		
1947	Fred Batchelder	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	290.28	0.3	0.14	2.83	287.59	826.34		
1947	The Ibar Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	699.14	0.4	0.22	5.77	603.59	1,681.09		
1951	Grace Muzzy	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.15	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.29	878.04		
1951	Horace Dexter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	297.70	0.3	0.14	2.86	294.98	833.73		
1952	Brent C Finley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	42.26	0.1	0.06	1.99	40.33	579.08		
1952	George W Porter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.13	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.27	878.02		
1954	Roscoe Hull	Cemetery	Citizens CAP 0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.89	0.4	0.23	6.13	706.99	1,784.49		

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Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	PRINCIPAL					INCOME			Balance Beginning Year	Balance Year End	Grand Total
			Balance Beginning	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance Year End	Amount	During Year	Expended			
								%					
1955	Clara Johnson	Cemetery	0.1	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	71.90	0.4	0.23	6.13	707.00	1,784.50
1957	C M Emerson	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.13	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.27	873.02
1957	Frank & J. Metcalf	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	96.75	0.2	0.09	2.17	94.67	633.42
1957	N. G. & J. Webster	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.11	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.25	878.00
1958	Freeman Campbell	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	115.54	0.2	0.09	2.24	113.39	652.14
1958	John Symonds	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	238.28	0.2	0.11	2.66	235.75	774.50
1958	Elmer E Wheeler	Cemetery	0.3	808.13	0.00	0.00	808.13	541.76	0.4	0.20	4.62	537.34	1,345.47
1958	Arthur Penham	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	71.90	0.4	0.23	6.13	707.00	1,784.50
1959	Lufton-Robbins	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.13	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.27	878.02
1959	Clarence Jeffrey	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.13	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.27	878.02
1959	Reed-Wallace	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	247.14	0.4	0.19	4.53	242.80	1,320.46
1960	Hobart-Jones	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.86	0.4	0.23	6.13	706.96	1,784.46
1960	B K Barlow	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	290.24	0.3	0.14	2.84	287.54	826.29
1961	Solon L Neal	Cemetery	0.3	808.13	0.00	0.00	808.13	308.95	0.3	0.17	3.82	305.30	1,113.43
1961	Solon Neal	Cemetery	0.3	808.13	0.00	0.00	808.13	342.11	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.25	1,784.45
1961	Raymond Porter	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.11	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.25	878.00
1961	Raymond C Davis	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.85	0.4	0.23	6.13	706.95	1,784.45
1962	Hayward, Liv. & Hol.	Cemetery	0.8	2,693.76	0.00	0.00	2,693.76	1,798.27	1.3	0.70	15.36	1,781.61	4,475.37
1962	D Moody & W Hundley	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.90	0.4	0.23	6.13	707.00	1,784.50
1962	Charles Barlow	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.90	0.4	0.23	6.13	707.00	1,784.50
1962	Meadler-Hemphill	Cemetery	0.3	808.13	0.00	0.00	808.13	541.79	0.4	0.20	4.62	537.37	1,945.50
1964	Charles & B Perry	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	644.86	0.4	0.22	5.89	639.19	1,716.69
1965	Wm. & Belle Pilkin	Cemetery	0.3	808.13	0.00	0.00	808.13	541.75	0.4	0.20	4.62	537.33	1,345.46
1965	Herbert F Hartwell	Cemetery	0.2	673.44	0.00	0.00	673.44	470.67	0.3	0.18	3.91	466.94	1,140.38
1967	George W Walker	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	612.38	0.4	0.22	5.78	606.82	1,684.32
1968	H Reed & L Young	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	660.94	0.4	0.22	5.95	655.21	1,732.71
1968	Wm & Rufus Hillard	Cemetery	1	3,232.56	0.00	0.00	3,232.56	2,138.45	1.4	0.77	18.38	2,120.84	5,353.40
1968	Eva & Carl Grant	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.86	0.4	0.23	6.13	706.96	1,784.46
1969	Paul Balla	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.12	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.26	878.01
1969	Dorothy N Faught	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.85	0.4	0.23	6.13	706.95	1,784.45
1971	Jerry D Kemp	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.85	0.4	0.23	6.13	706.95	1,784.45
1972	Myrie E Reed	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.12	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.26	878.01
1977	Abbin Dressell	Cemetery	0.3	888.94	0.00	0.00	888.94	624.63	0.4	0.22	5.18	619.67	1,508.61
1979	Everett Knight	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	719.39	0.4	0.23	6.15	713.47	1,790.97
1979	Earl Luther Sr.	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	719.26	0.4	0.23	6.15	713.34	1,790.84
1979	Scott Farley	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	277.38	0.3	0.14	2.79	274.73	813.48
1979	Edwin B Dallen	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	342.13	0.3	0.15	3.01	339.27	878.02
1983	Madelaine & Leon Balla	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	38.56	0.1	0.06	1.98	38.64	575.39
1984	Corey-Ruiter Lot	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	34.75	0.3	0.17	0.00	34.58	1,042.92
1985	Eva & Jos. Dempsy	Cemetery	0.2	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	66.05	0.1	0.05	0.00	66.00	472.75
1987	Disasser Lot	Cemetery	0.3	808.13	0.00	0.00	808.13	186.09	0.2	0.09	0.00	186.00	622.13
1990	Streeter Lot	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	464.40	0.2	0.09	0.00	464.31	613.19
1991	George Wright	Cemetery	0.3	538.75	0.00	0.00	538.75	271.71	0.1	0.03	0.00	273.68	265.07
1991	Harmond Young	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	684.04	0.1	0.05	0.00	683.98	393.51
2003	Ernest & Geneva Unphair L	Cemetery	0.3	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	1056.48	0	0.01	0.00	1056.47	221.03
1991	R Mitchell FBO Old Cem	Cemetery	1.6	5,162.48	0.00	0.00	5,162.48	21.92	1.4	0.76	0.00	25.68	5,188.16
1991	R Mitchell FBO Old Cem	Cemetery	3.2	10,325.00	0.00	0.00	10,325.00	161.25	2.9	1.58	86.00	78.63	10,403.13
2005	Cemetery Trust Acworth Act	Cemetery	1.9	5,999.24	890.00	0.00	6,889.24	199.58	1.8	0.97	0.00	200.55	7,029.79
1993	R C Jeffrey Mem Ulf Fun	Library	22.8	73,068.80	0.00	0.00	73,068.80	1.86	20.6	11.31	0.00	13.17	73,081.97
2000	S. Codman Hslop FBO Silby	Library	4.6	14,620.39	0.00	0.00	14,620.39	0.37	3.9	2.16	0.00	2.53	14,622.92

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH ON DECEMBER 31, 2013

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Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL					INCOME						
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance Year End	Balance Beginning Year	%	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Year End		
1916	Rebecca W. Madison	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0	127.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	127.97	(0.08)	0	0.00	0.00	(0.08)	127.89
1924	W. L. Woodbury	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0.3	853.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	853.15	2.93	0.3	0.15	0.00	3.08	856.23
1924	Abram Mitchell	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0.1	405.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	405.25	(0.24)	0.1	0.05	0.00	(0.19)	405.06
1939	Walter Stader	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0	139.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	139.97	(0.09)	0	0.00	0.00	(0.09)	139.88
1989	Madeline Lindsay	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0.1	209.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	209.02	(0.13)	0	0.01	0.00	(0.12)	208.90
1989	Alan & Christine Barnard	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0	89.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.58	(0.07)	0	0.00	0.00	(0.07)	89.51
1989	Friends of Library	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	(0.07)	0	0.00	0.00	(0.07)	85.25
1989	Anonymous Donation	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0	42.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.66	(0.01)	0	0.00	0.00	(0.01)	42.65
1989	Sisby Library Donation	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	(0.07)	0	0.00	0.00	(0.07)	85.25
1989	G. F. & M. G. Hanson	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0.1	170.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	170.63	(0.09)	0	0.01	0.00	(0.08)	170.55
1990	Alan & Christine Barnard	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	(0.07)	0	0.00	0.00	(0.07)	85.25
1990	Helen Smith	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0	142.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	142.48	(0.27)	0	0.00	0.00	(0.27)	142.21
1990	Mary Smith	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0	119.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	119.44	(0.09)	0	0.00	0.00	(0.09)	119.35
1990	Ellen Sawyer Swindon	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0	17.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.06	(0.02)	0	0.00	0.00	(0.02)	17.04
1991	Maude H. Moody	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0.1	443.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	443.64	(0.27)	0.1	0.05	0.00	(0.22)	443.42
1999	Nancy Sandoe Mern	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0.3	840.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	840.35	(0.52)	0.3	0.14	0.00	(0.38)	839.97
2000	Nancy Sandoe	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0.1	213.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	213.29	(0.14)	0	0.01	0.00	(0.13)	213.16
2000	Ella & Leon Newton	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0.3	853.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	853.15	(0.52)	0.3	0.15	0.00	(0.37)	852.78
2001	Nancy Poltrack	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.32	(0.07)	0	0.00	0.00	(0.07)	85.25
2003	J. David Lyle	Miscellaneous U	Citizens CAP	0	42.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.66	(0.01)	0	0.00	0.00	(0.01)	42.65
1991	R. Mitchell FBO T/O Acworth	Town	Citizens CAP	1.6	5,162.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,162.48	118.65	1.4	0.77	0.00	119.42	5,281.90
1990	F. Richard & C. Jeffrey-VNA	Town	Citizens CAP	17.5	55,940.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	55,940.41	3,796.60	16.2	8.89	100.00	3,705.49	59,545.90
				319,981.41	43,240.00	0.00	0.00	14,791.00	348,430.41	48,173.92		54.95	557.70	47,671.17	396,101.58

2013 Library Trustees Report

The improvements to our Library continue to amaze patrons and visitors alike. We had several visitors over the past year stop by just to see the building and the upgrades. Once again, the Trustees extend our gratitude to all who made this renovation project come to fruition.

In April of 2013, the Library hosted Ben Kilham, New Hampshire's only bear rehabilitator. The event was attended by well over 100 people and many have asked that he return to Acworth again in the future. In May, we hosted the author Anne Easter Smith. Smith's writing focuses on the historical events in England during the 15th century. Her latest publication *Royal Mistress* was discussed and well-received by the audience. Light refreshments were served and attendees were given the chance to speak with the author directly. Our annual Book Sale was held in July and coordinated well with the Acworth Charitable Trust's Annual Garden Tour and Art Exhibit.

The Summer Reading Program for children returned this year with the theme "*Dig Into Reading*." The event culminated with a gathering on the Library lawn in August. All reading enthusiasts were given the gift of a book to thank them for their participation and for their love of reading. We hope to increase the number of participants in the Summer of 2014 and offer guest presenters for our young readers to coordinate with the summer reading program.

Technologically speaking, we upgraded the patron computer with an Apple iMac. Additionally, the Library received a grant from the Acworth Community Charitable Trust for the acquisition of a computer, scanner, and related equipment for use in conjunction with our Historical Collection. Guy Russell has been working with Kathi Bradt of the Historical Society to archive and scan many of the photographs and documents from the Library's collection. We encourage anyone with historical photos of Acworth to bring them in to the Library to be scanned. Please visit the lower level of the Library to see stunning, framed photos as a result of their collaboration.

Your Board of Trustees will continue to host events that we feel are interesting and informative to our patrons. Your ideas are always welcome. We look forward to another successful year in 2014.

Income for 2013 totaled \$45,264. Income came from the following sources: Town appropriation \$37,960; donations \$3,390; grants \$2,500; book sales & other \$1,389; interest on savings, CD & trust funds \$24. Operating expenses for 2013 totaled \$49,209. Expended as follows: Payroll & taxes \$23,710; books/periodicals/video \$6,459; building renovations/repairs \$6,033; fees/supplies & other \$4,206; heating system \$2,714; projects \$2,504; utilities \$2,020; grounds care \$1,564.

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Russell, Melinda Loiselle, Tanya Holt, Joanne Smith, Jennifer Aiken
Trustees, Acworth Silsby Library

2013 Librarians' Report

Acworth Silsby Library had 3,837 visits from patrons and visitors in 2013. We welcomed 60 new patrons. We circulated 4,126 books during the year and continue to add fiction, non-fiction, children's books and movies on DVD to our collection monthly.

We had 494 patron visits for computer use in 2013. We have a high speed DSL internet connection and computers for public use as well as a wireless connection. We provide access to Ancestry.com via the State Library. Patrons use our computers for a variety of activities such as checking e-mail, looking for jobs, preparing school work, researching hobbies and interests.

We are delighted to have the Acworth School students and teachers visit the library on a regular basis. We also hosted a summer reading program "Dig Into Reading". Fourteen young readers participated in this program and each received a new book at its completion. We hope to attract more readers this coming summer.

We have three Reading Groups meeting monthly, one is reading classics, the second is reading general fiction and our newest group is reading poetry. New members are always welcome.

Our annual Book Sale was held in early August, raising additional funds for the Library. We thank all who participated either by donating or purchasing books. We will be accepting donations of books in the month of July 2014 as we prepare for our next sale.

We are an active member of the Nubanusit cooperative, which provides a collection of movies that rotate bi-monthly among 22 local libraries. Patrons borrowed 173 Nubanusit items during 2013.

Inter-library loans (ILL) continue to be a popular way for patrons to read books not owned by our library. We have access to books at all NH libraries and many of the NH college libraries. A total of 631 books circulated via the ILL system.

We thank our patrons, volunteers and all who assisted us throughout the year. Check out our website www.acworthlibrary.org - this site is updated monthly with new books and DVDs.

Jusan Metsack and Linda Thomson-Mohr, Librarians;
Phone 835-2150; acworthlibrary@myfairpoint.net Library hours are Sat and Sun 1:30am-4:30pm; Tue and Thur 11:30am to 5:30pm

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2013

<u>ACCOUNT BALANCES</u>	<u>12/31/2012</u>	<u>12/31/2013</u>
CHECKING	\$4,771.90	\$483.90
SAVINGS	\$5,845.39	\$7,666.83
CD'S	\$16,031.57	\$14,553.73
	<u>\$26,648.86</u>	<u>\$22,704.46</u>

	2013 <u>BUDGET</u>	2013 <u>ACTUAL</u>	
<u>INCOME</u>			
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$37,960	\$37,960.00	
(SALARIES / TAXES / OTHER)			
OTHER INCOME			
CD & SAVINGS INTEREST	\$50	\$24.38	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$0	\$3,205.00	
RESTRICTED INCOME : TRUST FUNDS & GIFTS, GRANTS	\$100	\$2,770.39	
DESIGNATED INCOME : BOOK SALES & GIFTS	\$1,500	\$1,304.36	
USE OF RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS (Jeffery Fund Int. for books)	\$1,500	\$1,500.00	
	<u>\$41,110</u>	<u>\$46,764.13</u>	
			Variance to
<u>EXPENSES (Library & Town Funds)</u>			<u>Budget</u>
SALARIES & PAYROLL TAXES	\$23,500	\$23,709.82	\$210
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$5,210	\$6,081.98 *	\$872
OTHER MAT'L (AUDIO/VHS/DVD)	\$300	\$376.67	\$77
HEAT SYSTEM / HEATING FUEL	\$3,000	\$2,713.71	(\$286)
ELECTRICITY	\$1,100	\$1,047.64	(\$52)
COMMUNICATIONS (PHONE & DSL)	\$950	\$972.25	\$22
SUPPLIES & EQUIP.	\$900	\$678.31	(\$222)
POSTAL / BANK FEES / SVC CHG	\$150	\$141.00	(\$9)
SNOW REMOVAL & LAWN CARE	\$1,200	\$1,563.73	\$364
DUES / FEES / TUITION	\$200	\$180.00	(\$20)
PROGRAMS	\$500	\$427.26	(\$73)
COMPUTER / COPIER	\$2,000	\$2,239.78	\$240
MISC. EXPENSE	\$100	\$540.13	\$440
BUILDING REPAIR (see resolution) (Incl. designated gifts)	\$2,000	\$6,032.68 *	\$4,033
DESIGNATED GIFTS	\$0	\$2,503.57 *	\$2,504
	<u>\$41,110</u>	<u>\$49,208.53</u>	<u>\$8,099</u>
<u>2013 EXPENSES USING RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS (included above)</u>			
* BOOKS & PERIODICALS (Jeffery Trust Fund Interest)		\$1,500	
* BUILDING REPAIR / RENOVATION		\$6,033	
* ACCT Grant		\$2,500	
		<u>\$10,033</u>	

2014 DESIGNATED / RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS

Richard & Clarence Jeffery Memorial Library Fund	\$11,330	(restricted gift)
Codman & Gertrude Hislop Book Fund	\$3,876	(restricted gift)
Designated income account from income-producing equipment & book sales	\$719	(designated income)
Building repair / renovation	\$2,020	

2013 Acworth Cemeteries Report

In 2013 the Acworth cemeteries were spared severe windstorms and other damage. We removed two huge dead sugar maples endangering the Batchelder Nye cemetery, and proceeded with repairs of 61 headstones there and an additional 32 monuments in the Hill Road cemetery. We were able to keep our mowing and regular maintenance costs within budget. The price of cemetery lots has increased by fifty dollars to cover the increase in the cost of corner markers, which must be installed as soon as a lot is purchased.

Holders of cemetery plots are reminded that new plantings of shrubs and perennials are not allowed, as they interfere with mowing and may impinge on neighboring lots. We also remind people that markers bearing the name and dates of the deceased must be in place within six months of burial. We have identified a half dozen graves without a marker and are pursuing the lot holders to furnish the required headstones. While our funds do not cover cleaning headstones, we can recommend cleaning procedures to anyone who is interested.

This year a local funeral home contacted us about arranging a home burial in Acworth. New Hampshire does permit full-body or cremation remains burial on a landowner's property. The state requires that the location of the burial be recorded with the cemetery trustees and on the property deed when the land changes ownership. Furthermore, descendants of the deceased retain a right to visit the grave. Setbacks limiting excavation or building near the burial site also apply; thus a home burial permanently alters the conditions of property ownership.

Visitors to Acworth's annual cemetery walk in mid-September enjoyed hearing Maria Luther-Houghton portray Emily Zoe Boynton, and Debby Hinman as Hannah Allen Grout. Denise Picard Lindgren played Harriette Louise Gilmore Neal, Sandra Binion was Cara Moody Johnson, and Kenneth Grant impersonated Arthur Murray Dallin.

Visitors also admired the town hearse, purchased by the town in 1879 for \$275. We believe that the antique hearse needs safe, permanent storage. We are requesting funds in the capital improvement plan to build a hearse house, similar to the building that stood at the rear of the Hill Road cemetery until the mid 1950s. The Ballas' sawmill has generously offered to contribute building materials, if the town is willing to fund this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen H. Frink, on behalf of the Sexton and Trustees of Acworth Cemeteries

2013 Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. Report

We responded to 76 calls as follows:

Assist Police	3
Brush Fire	3
Chimney Fire	3
False Alarm	1
Gas Leak	1
Medical Emergency	35
Motor Vehicle Accident	7 (one fatal)
Motor Vehicle Fire	1
Mutual Aid Surrounding Town	9
Power Line Down	3
Road Flooding	2
Smoke Detector Activation	5
Unauthorized Burn	2
Unintended Lifeline Transmission	1

Big changes this year at the AVFRC starting with Elbert Knicely's retirement as Chief after 50 years of service 44 as acting Chief, We Thank You Elbert for your dedication and hard work in bringing this fire company up from its beginnings to what we have today. No small feat.

This has been another busy year for us at the Fire Company for our members who gave of their time not only responding to all the calls listed above at all hours many in the middle of the night. But coming in and help with infrastructure changes, which requires many hours at the Fire station as well as phone calls and emails. I am so very grateful and proud of the people I am working with and their input to give of their time so unselfishly. This coming year we have more volunteers who will pursue medical and fire fighting related training and we are maintaining the Fire trucks and replacing old and dated equipment that our volunteers use to respond to the needs of this community.

Besides the rising fuel and insurance costs that we are all feeling, we had a large increase in our cost of Southwest Mutual Aid, The organization out of Keene who keep us in contact with emergency services 911 and coordinate help from neighboring towns.

We appreciate all the help from the town and will do our best to continue to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc., Chief Steve Morris

2013 Planning Board Report

The Planning Board installed three new members in 2013. Cheryl Sanctuary and Jim Niedert were elected and Henry Sipple, who volunteered to serve as alternate, was appointed to a voting member opening. As a result there were numerous discussions over the year concerning procedure and regulations as the new members became familiar with board practices. Openings for alternates remain and provide an opportunity to learn about the Town's ordinances; let us know if you are interested.

Some of the year's discussion revealed discrepancies between the language contained in the Town's Zoning Ordinance and its Subdivision Regulations. The Board took that opportunity and worked with our Regional Planning Commission to develop an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which would solve the discrepancy (See Warrant Article 2).

The spring Joint Board meeting which is hosted by the Planning Board reviewed some familiar issues including aquifer and groundwater protection, regulation of storage containers and providing for accessory dwellings on a lot. Code enforcement was also discussed with the suggestion that language describing the consequences of noncompliance be added to the Zoning Ordinance and that the potential court fine of \$275 per day of noncompliance be added to the Town's fee schedule.

Two lot changes took place: a lot line adjustment at Crescent Lake and a minor subdivision on Cold Pond Road and two applicants met with the Board for preliminary discussion of minor subdivisions. Member representatives attended the annual tour of the Allstone Quarry and reviewed tree work proposed by Liberty Utilities on several of the Town's scenic roads.

The Board met with Selectmen and Dave Lacasse to update the Capital Improvement Plan which is a tool used in developing the Town budget. A reduction in the road projects total and postponement of a truck purchase were discussed and noted in the update. Those cost saving measures were related to last year's decrease in overall Town value resulting from changes in Fairpoint's assessment and some Current Use assessments. The value decrease caused an increase in the 2013 tax rate and the decreases in capital spending were intended to offset the rate increase.

The Planning Board meets once a month on the last Wednesday. Townspeople interested in alternate positions are welcome to attend a meeting for more information.

Acworth Planning Board

2013 Acworth Conservation Commission

Gove Town Forest

Early in 2013 ash trees were cut in the town forest, due to the approaching threat from the emerald ash borer. The ash timber sale generated over \$19,000 in income. We also worked with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests to resolve a boundary line with an abutter of the forest. Forest Society steward Paul Gagnon noted someone cutting firewood from the town forest. Written permission of the Conservation Commission must be received before any such cutting can take place.

Conservation Easement Monitoring

We continue to monitor the East Acworth gravel pit where litter from target practice violates the terms of the conservation easement held by the Forest Society. On the advice of SPNHF's stewardship monitor, trees were felled here to improve wildlife habitat.

Other Forest Society easements, Pierce Brook and the Gove Town Forest, have been monitored with the assistance of Acworth residents. We appreciate their help.

Annual Green-Up Day

On April 27th Conservation Commission members, the 4-H Hill Climbers, the entire student body of the Acworth School, and several townspeople worked to clean up roadside litter. Thank you to everyone who participated, and to all who regularly help to keep our roadsides free of trash.

Monthly review

Each month we review applications submitted to the state Department of Environmental Services for Wetland Permits and Shoreland Protection Permits. We also review Intents to Cut. Members conducted several site visits to view compliance with regulations protecting wetlands or rules governing the use of Class VI roads.

Water Quality

We share costs with Unity for monitoring water quality in Crescent Lake. Last summer invasive milfoil was detected in a boat preparing to launch, and was removed before the boat entered the water. Our members Carole Wallace and Debby Hinman serve on the Cold River Local Advisory Council, which monitors river water quality.

Community Outreach

This year we donated \$500 from our Conservation Fund to the East Alstead Orchard School to support Acworth children attending a summer nature camp.

Acworth's Conservation Commission meets monthly except during March on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 PM at the town hall. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

Debby Hinman, Chair, Shawn Bowman, Vice-Chair; Craig Oshkello, Board of Selectmen; Members: Lillie LeBlanc, Helen Frink, Carole Wallace;
Alternate: Beverly Buxton

2013 Crescent Lake Association Milfoil Committee Report

It has been over a decade since the Crescent Lake Association started its milfoil prevention program with the help of NH LAKES. To date, we have been successful in keeping milfoil and other invasive species from infesting our lake.

This year a new program was started by NH LAKES with a new motto: "Clean, Drain and Dry!" This is to inform boaters how to check for unwanted aquatic nuisance animals such as zebra mussels and Asian clam. Since these are usually spread in their larval form, it is important that boaters drain water from anywhere it accumulates in their boats. This adds another layer of responsibility to the boat inspections by our Lake Hosts.

We also installed a container at the boat landing for fishermen to dispose of broken or unwanted fishing line. Hopefully, this will help to keep waterfowl from becoming entangled in it when line is thrown into the lake or left along the shore.

All this is made possible through the support of the Towns of Acworth and Unity, as well as continued generosity of our association members.

Respectfully submitted

Crescent Lake Association Milfoil Committee – 2013

Jerry Bushway – Unity

Bill Paton – Acworth

Lorraine Dion – Acworth

Tim Perry – Acworth

Jim Howe – Acworth

Stan Rastallis – Unity

Bob Kroupa – Unity

Mark Wilson – Acworth

Kevin Brenker – Unity

Fred Yates - Acworth

2013 Merger Notice

If you owned real estate lots that were involuntarily merged, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if:

Two or more lots were merged without your consent for zoning, assessing or taxation purposes;

No previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status you must:

Make a request to the Board of Selectmen no later than December 31, 2016.

Once restored:

Your properties will again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to existing land use ordinances.

Per RSA 674:39-aa, this Notice must be posted in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016 and be published in the Town's Annual Report from 2011 through 2015.

ACWORTH RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2013

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
Sotiropoulos, Leif Oliva	04/10/2013	Acworth, NH	Sotiropoulos, Peter	Davis, Emily Rose
Larson, Kaitlyn Rose	06/01/2013	Keene, NH	Larson, Shawn	Larson, Amy
Dechir, Sekoura Yemma	10/06/2013	Keene, NH	Dechir, Yacine	Dechir, Rebecca

ACWORTH RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2013

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Flanders Jr., John	66	Lebanon	02/26/2013
Sousa, Frances	76	Claremont	03/24/2013
Clark, Barbara	83	Charlestown	05/31/2013
Markham, William	65	Acworth	06/25/2013
Gendron, Michael	74	Westmoreland, VT	08/02/2013
Whitcomb, Richard	66	Acworth	08/12/2013
Garrow, Thomas	45	Acworth	11/29/2013

ACWORTH RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2013

<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Fisher Jr., George W	Bengston, Gale E	South Acworth	06/01/2013
Kowalczyk Jr., Stanley M	Gee, Rebecca L	Acworth	07/04/2013
Belliveau, Peter J	Congdon, Bonnie E	Acworth	10/20/2013
Beaulieu, Christopher	Longley, Emily Marie	Keene	12/24/2013

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